

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 3. This sheet, which includes Figure 3, replaces the original sheet including Figure 3.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 8, and 12-15 are the independent claims. Claims 1-15 are amended. No claims have been added or cancelled.

Based on the amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because Figure 3 discloses “Playback of Moive & Still” in which “Moive” should be changed to “Movie.” New drawings have been submitted in response to the Examiner’s objection in order to comply with CFR 1.121(d) and to correct this informality. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this objection.

Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it does not contain more than 50 words. Applicants have amended the abstract to contain more than 50 words. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this objection.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants submit that claims 1-11 have been amended in a manner suggested by the Examiner so as to overcome this rejection. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. §101 be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 – *Maruyama et al.*

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,385,289 (“*Maruyama*”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants submit that *Maruyama* discloses an information recording medium having an audio & video data area DA2 which records audio and video data. Audio & video data area DA2 records control information DA21, video object DA22, picture object DA23, and audio object DA24. *Maruyama*, col. 7, lines 66-67 and Figure 3. Video object DA22 includes recording information of video data (moving picture data). Picture object DA23 includes still pictures such as slides and stills. *Maruyama*, col. 8, lines 3-6. Control information DA21 and video object DA22 include video object information. Each video object set VTSTT_VOBS for video title set titles defines a set of one or more video objects VOB. *Maruyama*, col. 9, lines 48-50 and Figure 8. Each VOB defines a set of one or more cells. Cells are assigned identification numbers. *Maruyama*, col. 13, lines 24-25. A set of one or more cells make up a program chain. *Maruyama*, col. 9, lines 50-52 and Figures 8 and 11. Accordingly, a plurality of video program chains (“video streams”) can be set in a single VOB. *Maruyama*, col. 13, lines 12-15.

The Examiner appears to read the claimed “playlist” on *Maruyama*’s “program chain” and the claimed “mark information” on *Maruyama*’s “cell ID number.” However, as discussed above, the VOB cell ID number is not associated with still images. Instead, the cell ID number is associated with a respective VOB (e.g., recording information of video data (moving picture data)). Therefore, *Maruyama* fails to disclose or suggest “the mark information providing presentation information on the first and second still images” as recited in claim 1 and as similarly recited in claims 8 and 12-15.

Because *Maruyama* fails to disclose each and every feature of the claimed invention, *Maruyama* cannot anticipate or render the claimed invention as recited in claims 1, 8, and 12-15 obvious to one skilled in the art. Claims 2-7 and 9-11 are also allowable by virtue of their dependency from either independent claim 1, 8, 12, 13, 14, or 15, and for the features recited therein.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. §102 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply to the outstanding Office Action and submit the required \$120.00 extension fee herewith.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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